

## **John Rogers – Eastham Land Records 1650 - 1745**

John Rogers was the son of Joseph Rogers who was a Mayflower passenger. John was born in 1642. He had three brothers and four sisters. His brothers were Joseph, Thomas and James. John married Elizabeth Twining in 1669. They settled in South Eastham and had a large family. John died about 1724. He probably is buried in an unmarked grave in Orleans Cemetery or possibly in the Rogers Family Cemetery.

The father Joseph Rogers died in 1678. His eldest son Joseph died in 1661. His son Thomas died in 1678 shortly after his father. His youngest son James died in 1677.

1674

Thomas Rogers transferred ownership of twenty acres on Barley Neck at Pochet to his brother John Rogers. Thomas had inherited the property from their father Joseph Rogers. John Rogers granted to his sister Elizabeth and her husband Jonathan Higgins all building, fences and land on this twenty acres already occupied and improved by them. PDF A241, S3.

1682

A boundary dispute concerning land on the westerly side of the Namskaket River running over to Potanumaquit Harbor was settled. John Rogers was one of several land owners involved in the dispute. PDF A108, S70.

1694

This record restates the land inherited by Joseph's sons John, James and Thomas with Mark Snow overseeing the children of the late Thomas Rogers and Thomas Paine overseeing the children of the late James Rogers. Joseph's land at Barley Neck was to be divided into three equal shares. John Rogers' land was next to the water. Bounds were indicated by stones. Also divided into three equal shares were Joseph's lands at Little Billingsgate, Satucket and Potanumaquit. The size of these land holdings was not included in the record. PDF A222, M27, M28.

1696

Granted to John Rogers at Little Billingsgate six acres of meadow and two acres of upland now lawfully possessed by James Rogers. (This was James the twenty-three year old son of James who died in 1678.) The eight acres were on the north side of the Herring River near the mouth of the river. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF A257, M259.

1699

This record concerns a boundary dispute at Pochet Neck between John Rogers and James Rogers. (This James Rogers was the son of James.) Chosen to resolve the dispute were John Gorham of Barnstable and William Bassett of Sandwich. PDF A262, S67.

This record concerned the agreement about the boundary dispute at Pochet Neck between John and James Rogers. There was assurance that John Rogers and heirs would forever allow James Rogers and heirs to use a way across the head of John's land. James would pay John forty shillings as part of the agreement. PDF A263, M131.

This is another record about the John and James boundary dispute. Both sides seem to have agreed to abide by the agreement. PDF M286.

1703

Granted to John Rogers and his heirs a parcel of meadow at Pochet Flats or Low Meadow between Pochet Island and the house of John Sparrow. The dimensions indicate the parcel was about nine acres. PDF A274, M155, S97.

Granted to John and Judah Rogers and their heirs a parcel of meadow at Pochet High Meadow. The dimensions indicate the parcel was about four and one-half acres. John received about eighty percent of the grant or about three and one-half acres. PDF M161, S87.

Granted to John Rogers and his heirs two parcels of land totaling about four acres. Two acres were near his dwelling house at Pochet and two acres were on the southerly side of Richard Sparrow's house lot. PDF T76.

Granted to John Rogers and his heirs about four acres on the southern side of the way that goes from Mr. Freeman's to Town and on the southerly side of Ebenezer Hinkley's lot. The bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T76.

Granted to John Rogers a wood lot of about six acres. The lot was on the northerly side of Lt. Freeman's wood lot. (The Samuel Freeman wood lot was near Bass Pond.) PDF T76.

Granted to John Rogers, Joshua Higgins, Thomas Mayo Sr., John Walker, William Walker and Nathaniel Young the fourth lot out of twenty-four lots laid out at Great Island at Billingsgate. The dimensions given in the record were not complete but probably the lot was about seven acres like most of the other lots at Great Island. Bounds were indicated by stakes and marked trees. PDF T87.

The land owned by John Rogers and his heirs described in these records amounts to about sixty acres. By 1745 ten more Rogers including his father received Eastham land grants.